COMMISSION
OCTOBER 13, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioners was held at the Lincoln Water Commission Office with Commissioners Kay, Hadley, Conklin and Pichette present. Commissioner Smith was not in attendance. Also present was Water Superintendent John S. Faile. Water Commission candidate Rene Lapierre, and the customers at 6 Edelweiss Avenue – Mr and Mrs. Andrew Babiana was also in attendance. As per previous vote of the Water Commission, Commissioner Conklin stepped into the role of acting chairman for the meeting.

Acting Chairman Conklin called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: To move agenda item 9g to allow Mr. and Mrs. Babiana to speak. They received a water assessment in April of 2010 and feel that the usage was too high. Readings are taken by them every week and the meter is moving along. Utility Man Gary Scotto will conduct a high consumption check on Friday October 15th and all interest that accrued during the dispute will be abated.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: To accept the minutes of the previous

#### MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: That the Superintendent's Report for the month of September is accepted and ordered placed on file. APPROVED.

#### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Kay, the September 2010 financial report is accepted and will be placed on file for audit. APPROVED

### **OUTSTANDING BALANCE REPORT**

The outstanding balance report for the month of September will be placed on file.

#### CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

The September 2010 statement of investments, encumbrances, and amounts available for capital projects was presented to the Board.

# **MONTHLY INVOICES**

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Pichette Accounts Payable in the amount of \$407,063.49 and Direct Payments in the amount of \$169,078.70 are approved for payment.

#### **APPROVED**

## **ABATEMENTS**

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Kay, abatement was granted in the amount of \$748.57 to The Town of Lincoln for a property acquired in a law suit at 1167-69 Smithfield Avenue. APPROVED

#### **ACCOUNT TRANSACTION LIST**

The monthly report of account adjustments and transactions will be placed on file.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- a)This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting.
- b)The request for the supply of water to 5 Preserved Arnold Court Plat 22 Lot 147 from Stephen Frietas was read by Secretary Kay. Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, the supply of water was APPROVED.
- c) The request for the supply of water to 7 Wilbur Road Plat 24 Lot 104 from Steven Filippi was read by Secretary Kay. Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, the supply of water was APPROVED.

- d) Secretary Kay then read two (2) requests for the abatement of termination fess one from Michelle Travis of 1001 Great Road and one from Steven Barriere owner of a property at 1043-45 Smithfield Avenue. Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: That the Board must respectfully decline abating the fees, since it is a nominal fee charged to cover the administrative time and costs spent in recovering unpaid balances. APPROVED
- e) A letter from the Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust informing the Board that the current property deductible will not change will be placed on file.
- f) The letter of approval of the Lincoln Water Commissions' Water Supply Management Plan from the Rhode Island Water Recourses Board will be placed on file.
- g) The Board was presented with a letter of approval of a STAG grant payment from the office of Senator Jack Reed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

a) Further discussion with the Lonsdale Fire District regarding the dry hydrant project will take place at a later date, after all DEM permits have been received.

b) Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded By Commissioner Kay, a new rate schedule will be effective as of January 1, 2011. The rate schedule is attached. APPROVED

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Due to unanticipated additional work in the cleaning lining project because of the age of the pipe the Superintendent informed the Board that change orders for additional fees should be anticipated.
- b) Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, DewCon Invoice #6 in the amount of \$161,140.00 is approved for payment by the RI Clean Water Finance Agency. APPROVED

COMMITTEE REPORTS
CHARTER COMMITTEE
No further action

## LABOR SUBCOMMITTEE

A meeting took place on Thursday, October 7th.

# SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

#### **CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

1. Request for an overflow valve at 71 Boulevard Avenue was

addressed by DewCon.

- 2. Request for reimbursement of fees paid for vehicle damage in LWC parking lot in the amount of \$69.96 to employee Gary Scotto was approved upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Kay. APPROVED
- 3. A claim from Vrania Coelho for damages caused to her vehicle when she ran over debris in the road from a sweeper was referred to the Trust.
- 4. Damage to a truck caused when the stationary truck was hit by a bicycle will be repaired.
- 5. Damage to a tire for a truck parked on Walker Avenue will be addressed by DewCon.

Discussion took place regarding the celebration of the Christmas and New Year Holidays in 2011-2012. It was unanimously decided that the Lincoln Water Commission will follow the Holiday schedule of ½ day Friday December 24th and Friday December 31st and a full Holiday on Monday December 27th and Monday January 3rd.

The Superintendent informed the Board that he has been asked to serve on a consolidation subcommittee between the East Smithfield Water District and the Town of Smithfield.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: To adjourn to executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-5a (1) – 9 to discuss legal and contract negotiations matters at 7:35PM

Upon motion of Commissioner Pichette, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: to return to the regular meeting.

Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: To seal the minutes of the closed session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-7c.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Pichette, it was VOTED: To adjourn at 8:10PM. APPROVED